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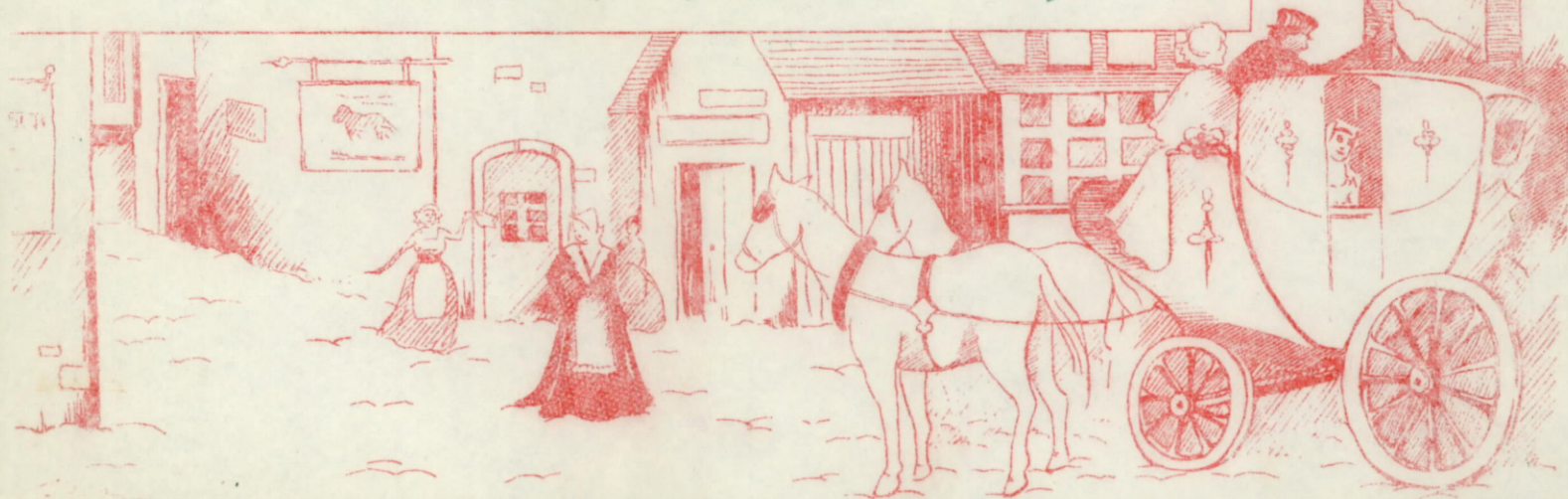
By F. M. Farrell - C.H.S.

One of the many circus titles that toured the country for many years, was HOWES GREAT LONDON SHOWS. My first recollection of the show, was in the year 1897. I was with the Sig. Sautelle Circus that year and we Sundayed in Brewsters, N.Y., and showed there Monday June 14th. I remember, that day in Brewsters of hearing some of the folks with the Sautelle Circus, tell that Brewsters, N.Y., was the home of Seth B. Howe, who owned the Howes Great London Shows, that had toured the country for many years previous to 1897.

In one of my scrap books I have a clipping, stating that in the Oshawa, Ont., Canada newspaper, "The Vindicator" of August 2nd, 1871, was an advertisement that announced "that Howes Great London Circus and Sangers English Menagerie of Trained Animals - their first season in America, will appear in Oshawa on Thursday, August 17th, 1871, afternoon and evening. Admission 50¢, Children under 10 years - 25¢"

I mention this ad to give the readers an idea of how many years the circus was on tour, yet for the many years that the Howe Show toured the country, I never had heard of it previous to 1897. The principal reason I never heard of it was the fact that the circus had never made my home town, Ithaca, N.Y., as I can remember, but from 1897 on for many years I heard of the circus and saw their posters in town now and then after 1908. The many years, the show toured I never saw the show but one season and that was the tenting season of 1920.

The Sautelle Circus showed in Amenia, N.Y., Friday, June 11th, 1897, and I heard folks with the show tell that Amenia, N.Y., was the home of Hyatt Frost, who was one of the owners of the Van Amburgh Circus. The Van Amburgh title was familiar to me for it showed in Ithaca when I was a young lad, about 1888 or 1889.



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The reason I mention the Van Amburg circus is the fact, that Howes Great London shows and Van Amburg titles have been affiliated for many years.

The year of 1904, Mugivan and Bowers, who had been with Howes Great London season of 1903, put out the Great Van Amburg Colossal Shows on rails. On the courier of the Van Amburg show was a picture of a wagon show, winding its way along a country road and under the picture, a line - "How we travelled years ago". Below was a picture of a Gorgeous circus railroad train, rolling along on the rails and the line "The Way we travel now". The tenting season of 1908 the title was changed to Howes Great London Shows and Van Amburgs Trained Wild Animals and the two titles were used together, more or less until the last year of the show, season of 1921.

The tenting season of 1920 I picked up a herald, in Bancroft, Ont., Canada of Howes Great London Circus. The herald is liberally illustrated with cuts and reads in part. "The circus of 1000 wonders, novelties and innovations. A world Congress of Peerless Performers. 1000 employees, artists and performers. 500 horses from American and European stalls. 40 clowns, 10 acres of tents. 3 rings and elevated stages. 2 miles of parade glories. The World's greatest acting herd of elephants. The largest zoological exhibition in the world. Gorgeous Million Dollar free street parade daily 11 a.m.. A mighty moving panorama of the Glories of the Earth, the only world toured circus in existence". The circus exhibited in Bancroft on Saturday, June 5th, 1920. Afternoon only.

Howes Great London Circus, season of 1920 was owned by the Howes Great London Shows Co., Dan Odom, President and Manager; James Albannese, Sec-Treasurer; Geo. W. Ryan and Geo. Steele - Legal adjusters; Geo. Ross, Officer; John F. Dusch, Musical Director; Chas. Mugivan, Front Door; I.D. Newman, Press Dept.; Chas. W. Martin, Announcer; Tom Tucker, Lot.Supt; Harry Sells, big top Boss Canvasman; C.H. Johnson, side show Boss Canvasman; August Crist, Trainmaster; Joe Metcalfe, Supt. of Menagerie; Fred. Davis, Steward. Bert Rutherford, General Agent and Traffic Manager. Dan Hoffman, Contracting Agent.

Big show performers were - C.H. "Pop" Sweeney, Equestrian Director; Mrs. Winnie Sweeney and Rose Wallet, lady principal riders; Mrs. La-Belle Clark, Equestrienne, Mrs. Agnes Kelley, 4 people wire act; Miss Ada Conner, Mrs. Julia Allen, Miss Vernon Page, Mrs. Albert McGee. Pat Kelley, trained ponies; William F. Wallet, Gents principal riding act; Frank Allen, Vernon Page, John Williams, Donald Binn, Henry Bockler, La Hassan Hanid Ben Ali, troupe of Arabian acrobats and tumblers; Robbins Family (6 in number); LaDare Warner Trio; Stoffer and DeZonso, roller skate artists; Knight Family - 4 people, acrobats and wire walkers; Mrs. Cora Thomas; Mrs. Evelyn Colby, Frank De Rue; J.W. Bonhomme, Charles Dryden, Foot Juggler; and Coy Herndon, Hoop roller.

Some of the clowns were W.J. Langer and Edw. Limoge, principal and producing clowns; Willie Kleinpeter, Chas. Lewis, Ray Christopher; Buck Thompson, Hugh Dougherty and Jerry Richardson and others.

Cookie O'neil was side show Manager, until Troy, Ohio., August 9th and Charles F. Curran, Manager the balance of the season. Monte Proctor Director of Side show Band and colored Minstrels; Fred. Palmer, Comedy Jugglers; Three Camerons - Scotch Bag-pipers and musical act; Madam Asia-Mind reader; Joe Hamlin, Tattooed artist; DeLong, - Bag Puncher; Dewey Winkler - Crawfish Boy; Mrs. Tullis, Snake Enchantress; Chas. Diamond - Harpist; Joe Metcalfe - Untameable Lion act. Carl Myers and Lee Norris Impersonaters and I was the inside lecturer, also Magician and Ventriloquist.

The show wintered in Peru, Indiana and all canvas put up and rehearsals were held in Peru. On Friday, April 23rd after the afternoon rehearsal the show was taken down and loaded on the cars. The show pulled out of Peru in the night and opened the tenting season in Huntington, Ind., on Saturday, April 24th. The show moved Sat. Night to Kenton, Ohio for

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Monday, April 26th stand. Ashland April 27th, lot covered with water, day lost. Barberton 28th; Salem 29th; Dover 30th; Mt. Vernon, May 1st; the show was in Portsmouth Sat. May 8th, Circleville 10th. The show made a 158 mile jump to Cadiz, O., arrived at 4.30 p.m. Set up the Dining Dept. and fed the people and unloaded stock for feed and water. Then pulled out in the evening for East Liverpool, O., May 12th stand. The show made 16 stands in Ohio. The show then entered Penna., the first stand was Carnegie, late arrival and a night performance only. The show made 8 stands in Penna. The last stand in that state was Johnsonburg, Friday, May 21st. Sat. May 22nd stand was Gowanda, N.Y. The show then entered Canada and showed in Welland, Ont. on Monday, May 24th (Queen's Birthday) to big business. St. Catharines, 25th, Dunnville, 26th, Tillsonburg, 27th, Goderich 28th, Kincardine, 29th..

Sparks Famous Shows exhibited in several towns two or three days ahead of the Howes Great London Show, but didn't hurt the Howes Circus, as the Howes Show did big business in every town that they followed the Sparks Circus in. The Sparks Circus showed in Owen Sound, Ont., on Sat. May 29th. The Howes Circus Sundayed in Owen Sound and showed on Monday, May 31st to capacity business both afternoon and night.

I stated in the first part of this article that Howes Great London Circus made its first appearance in Oshawa, Ont., on August 17th, 1871. Forty-nine years later, on Thurs. June 3rd, 1920, the Howe Circus made its last appearance in Oshawa. 1920 was the last year the show toured in Eastern Canada.

The circus made 14 stands in Ontario and Brockville was the last stand. The show then made Valleyfield, Lachine, Victoriaville and Levis all in Quebec Province. The morning of Sat. June 12th in Levis, I looked out of the sleeping car window -- I saw a sight that I have never forgotten. There was the St. Lawrence River and on the opposite side of the river was the walled City of Quebec, a sight well worth seeing. I was so impressed at such a beautiful scene I concluded that I would visit the city that night.

Working in a side show back in those days was a lot different from the present time. The circuses of late years keeps the side show up at night to catch the "come out" from the big show., but when I was a boy and all the years that I trouped with circuses, the orator in making his side show opening in the evening would say "If you intend to visit the side show, you must go now - for just as soon as the big show starts this evening, this Department will be taken down and loaded on the cars ready for the town where we show tomorrow".

So that evening in Levis, when the big show performance started my days work was finished and I started for the ferry and visited the Walled City of Quebec and it was such an interesting sight that I have never forgotten it.

The circus that night made a 274 mile jump to Grand Falls, New Brunswick. The show train arrived in Edmunston, N.B. a divisional point, Sunday night about 11 p.m. and it seemed as if all the folks in the town were at the r.r. station to see the circus go through. The show arrived in Grand Falls, N.B., early Monday morning and gave an afternoon performance, tore down and moved to Chipman for an afternoon performance and then to Blacksville, afternoon only. Thursday, June 17th stand was Chatham; 18th, Rogersville and Sat. 19th, Sackville, N.B. The Sunday run was 327 miles to New Waterford, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island.

Sunday Afternoon the train stopped at Piedmont, a railroad station in the wilderness and fed the people with the show, also unloaded the stock and fed and watered them. If I remember correctly, we laid there a little over 2 hours. The circus arrived in New Waterford, Monday morning about 8 o'clock. The circus also exhibited in Glace Bay and Sydney Mines on Cape Breton Island and then ferried back to the mainland and showed in Antigonish, N.S. Thursday, June 24th. The circus showed in St. John, N.B., on Thursday, July 1st (Dominion Day) to an enormous business. The last stand in Canada was St. Stephen, N.B. on Friday, July 2nd. The show made 35 stands in Canada.

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At Levis, Quebec - The Hagenbeck-Wallace had posted paper for Quebec City and followed the Howe Circus into a number of towns in the Maritime Provinces. In one of my scrap books I have the newspaper ads. that appeared in the evening paper of June 30th, 1920, in St. John, N.B. One is of the Howe Show telling of its glories and beside it was another ad. and reads as follows ----"WAIT! WAIT! POSITIVELY largest circus and Greatest Wild Animal Show that has ever toured the Maritime Provinces. Wed. July 14th- Never before anything like it. A combined attraction of unlimited worth. Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus DeLuxe and trained animal Congress Supreme. Don't fail to see the great \$1,000,000 Free Street Parade. 2 shows - 2 and 8 p.m. Doors open 1 and 7 p.m." Both circuses were Mugivan and Bowers Shows!

The Howe Circus returned to the States after St. Stephen and was in Princeton, Maine, Sat. July 3rd and Sundayed in Eastport and showed there Monday, July 5th to big business. The show made 8 stands in Maine and showed in Portsmouth, N.H., July 13th and made Haverhill, Greenfield, Holyoke and North Adams in Mass. The show then entered New York state and exhibited in Hudson, N.Y., Monday, July 19th. The following is a newspaper clipping that appeared in the Monday evening paper.

"MANY VISITED CIRCUS GROUNDS ON SUNDAY. VISITED HORSES AND ANIMALS TENTS AND WATCHED OPERATION OF ERECTING TENTS".

"Yesterday at an earlier hour than that anticipated Howes Celebrated London Shows, one of the biggest that has reached these parts in some years arrived at Hudson Upper about 6.30 and in less time than it takes to tell, the Circus wagons and paraphernalia were unloaded and taken up to the Storm tract. Crowds of people went up to the circus grounds Sunday to get some first-hand information as to the size and appearance of the Howes Circus, and all were pleased and surprised at the general appearance of things. The work of putting up the little city --- for such a modern circus is with its physician, nurse and lawyer, cooks and various artists and performers, proceeded in the morning and first of all went up the cook tent. This is always erected first. By the looks of things the men had plenty to eat yesterday, for a regular Sunday dinner was served. The tent where the menagerie is housed was also erected yesterday, and many of the folks who went up to look over the circus yesterday took a peep under the canvas, boy-fashion, and there were elephants, camels, lions, tigers, bears and lots of Shetland Ponies.

On Sunday the Managers of the circus try to make the work as light as possible for the men. Only the things necessary to be done are attended to, for that reason the big canvas where the circus performance is given was not erected yesterday. The Main poles were put up and guy ropes fastened the tent erection outlined. But early this morning the big canvas was spread and seats located. And it is sure some circus tent. The big spread of canvas covers a seating capacity of thousands".

July 20th stand was Kingston, N.Y., and July 21st Middletown, N.Y., The following was clipped from the evening paper in Middletown, July 21st-- "Howes Circus arrives here, show tonight. Arrives from Kingston at early hour; Tents on Royce Tract. Have fine parade. Hundreds see procession of circus folk over the city streets". (Headlines)

"Howes Great London Circus, rivalling in magnitude and sensations the combined Barnum and Ringling shows will give exhibitions on the Royce lot on East Main St. tonight. This afternoon the big tent was thronged for the afternoon performance and folk who attended claimed the show was one of the best held here in years.

"The afternoon performance followed the conclusion of a brilliant street parade through the principal streets participated in by three bands, the customary gold trimmed circus wagons and be vies of pretty women.

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"Hundreds of persons lined the main arteries of business in the city to watch the parade this morning. The wild animals in their cages attracted the attention of the youngsters, while (this silent like) the pretty folk from the Nile who might be descendants of Solomon's hosts, drew admiring glances from the newspapermen and sterner sex.

"If the first two bands were good then the colored players who perched atop of a bright red bandwagon were better. The jazziest of jazz music oozed from their shining brass horns in such a fashion as to make the ferocious lions in the wagons that tumbled ahead, lay down and shiver.

"The biggest part of circus day came this morning at 6 o'clock when the circus train hove in from Kingston, where the circus showed before record audiences yesterday. The youth of the city handed over the key of the city this morning when the train came to a halt, and then volunteered their services in carting water for the thirsty elephants".

The next stand was Liberty, N.Y., July 22nd. Showers during the day and a terrific storm after the night performance, the show didn't get loaded until 6 a.m. At Cadonia, N.Y., the train was held about 4 hours to put a new set of wheels on a flat car. The show arrived in Pittston, Penna., at 4 p.m. gave a night performance and moved in the night to Stroudsburg, Penna. for Sat. stand. The show Sundayed in Norristown, July 26th stand. The following Sat. stand was Martinsburg, W.Va. and made a 254 mile jump to Washington, Pa. Monday, August 2nd stand. The show then moved into Ohio and showed in Barnesville, O., Tues. August 3rd and Troy, O., Monday, August 9th. Then entered Indiana for 3 stands and two stands in Illinois. Cairo, Ill. was Saturday, August 14th stand and Monday, August 16th was in Union City, Tenn. The show made 6 stands in Tennessee and entered Arkansas and showed in Marianna, Monday, August 23rd and made 8 stands in that State. Wed. September 1st the show was in Caruthersville, Mo. After showing 8 stands in Missouri, the show made 6 stands in Arkansas and then entered the state of Texas and Naples, Sept. 16th was the first stand there. Bay City, Tex., was Sat. September 25th stand. Saturday night the show made a 284 mile jump to Brownsville, Tex. where many of the show folks, like myself, spent the afternoon and evening in Matamoras in Old Mexico. The show made 25 stands in Texas and the last stand in the state was Orange, Thurs. October 14th. The show then entered Louisiana and was in Jennings, La., Friday, October 15th. The circus showed in Houma, La., Sunday, October 17th to capacity business both afternoon and night.

After making 12 stands in Louisiana the show returned to Arkansas and showed in Hot Springs and then showed in Arkadelphia, Malvern and New Augusta in Ark., Popular Bluff, Mo., Friday November 5th, Sikeston, Nov. 6th and closes the season in Jackson, Mo., on Monday, November 8th. Only an afternoon performance was given.

The feature of the day was the big farewell dinner tendered by the management to every one connected with the show, and on the menu was Roast Turkey and all of the trimmings to make a swell dinner. I still have the souvenir menu that was used for the event.

The side show band played during the festivities and every one joined in singing of "Auld Lang Syne". Then came the handshakes and fare-wells and there was scarcely a dry eye in the whole gathering as these manifestations of friendship and good will took place. Many of the show folks rode the show train to Cairo and Louisville, then proceeded to their respective destinations.

The show went into winter quarters in West Baden, Ind., at the Hagenbeck Wallace Winterquarters. During the winter the show was moved to the John Robinson quarters in Peru, Ind.

Summary of the season--the show opened the season in Huntington, Ind., on Sat. April 24th. Closed in Jackson, Mo., on Monday, November 8th. Show visited 15 states and 4 provinces in Canada. Total miles travelled 11,989 miles. Total number of days lost..three. Number of half days missed..ten.

Howes Circus (concluded).

Sunday shows.... one, October 17th, Houma, La.

The tenting season of 1921, the title of Howes Great London Circus and Van Amburgs Trained Wild Animals. The show opened the 1921 season in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 26th and worked west to the coast. The fall of 1921 the circus went into quarters in Montgomery, Ala., That winter the title was changed to Gollmar Bros., Circus. The show opened the 1922 season in Montgomery, and I saw the show in Birmingham, Ala., on Tuesday, April 18th and spent the day on the lot visiting acquaintances. That day in Birmingham, was the last time that I saw the Howe equipment and Gollmar Bros., Circus.

Editors' Note: Of the many fine circus history items that CHS farrell has written for us during the time of our Editorship, and we have received much favorable comment about them -- we feel that the above article is by far the most historical and best. We are very happy therefore to present it to our members in this Holiday issue of the Bandwagon. Many thanks to friend Farrell for his co-operation during the past years.

The Howes Great London Shows photo that accompanies this issue through the loan of negative from John B. Lyon, is for the season of 1912 and was taken in Guelph, Ont., Canada. This shows the parade lining up getting ready for the march. It might be of interest to say that this photo was taken by the late CHS member George Kelley, of Guelph, and it was through his kindness that John Lyon received these negatives.

Anything on the Howes title is good; for it seems to be rather scarce.

Members will note that this issue is somewhat smaller than last Holiday issue - but the Editors restricted the Greeting space to one third of page. This enables us to give the readers more historical and reading matter than was the case previously. This also helps in mailing the issue - cutting down on its bulkiness.

Through the kindness of CHS Members Burt L. Wilson; Frederick S. MacFall and Burns M. Kattenberg - we are enclosing one 1945 newspaper ad. of some circus. If you already have this - pass it along to a friend collector or beginner.

PLEASE CHECK ON YOUR DUES -- those members whose cards show expiration date as November first 1945 - dues are now payable for another year. In order to give the incoming officers the opportunity of keeping the records up to date -- please give this matter your early attention.

Spectacle "IN DAYS OF OLD" - arranged by Charles Ringling for
 RINGLING BROS. SHOWS - season 1918.
 (sent to us through courtesy of S. Morton Smith - CHS)
 (who has the original in his collection)

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Sir Knight Valiant John Agee
 King Resolute George Hartzel
 The Bishop of X Al Miaco
 Grand Chamberlain William Carroll
 Master of Ceremonies . . . Al Jahns
 Master of Ceremonies . . . O. Andresen
 Keeper of Records W. Mirano
 Keeper of Jewels Mr. Andresen
 Prelate Cornelius Melnot
 Prelate Hugh Melnot
 Prelate Norman Orton
 Prelate Hans Jahns
 Lord Mayor Otto Mirano
 Chief Crier Young Jahns
 Acolyte Fuji Orton
 Acolyte Arab Boy
 Jester Joe Casino
 Jester Andrew Casino
 Jester Piccolo Casino
 Jester Picot Casino
 Negro Groom Sam Newman
 Princess Rosalind . . . Jennie Rooney
 Prince Placid Mrs. Bartik
 Queen Charming . . . Lulu Davenport
 Page Virginia Ellett
 Page Ethel Ellett
 Page Ballet Girl
 Page Ballet Girl
 Flower Girl Mabel Ellett
 Flower Girl Cow Girl
 Bridesmaid Mrs. Robt. Dumont
 Maid of Honor . . . Retta Tybell
 Four Trumpeters . . . Four Musicians
 Four Huntsmen
 Four Standard Bearer Knights
 John Shubert, Dan Curtis, John
 Davenport, Jack Foley
 Four Gentlemen in Waiting
 Tom and Floyd Nelson, P. St. Leon,
 F. Wirth
 Four Ladies in Waiting
 Edith Castello, Mrs. Tybell, Alice
 Evans, Mrs. Ellett
 Four Negro Spearmen . . From Cookhouse
 Eight Warders Arabs

Eight Dancing Girls Ballet
 12 Minuette Dancers Ballet
 12 Minuette Dancers Ballet
 Twelve Music Girls Ballet
 Twelve Butterfly Girls . . . Ballet

Eight King's Guards
 James Springgs, Capt. Julian Tybell,
 Four of Otagawa troupe, two cowboys
 Eight King's Guards
 J. Tamaki, Capt. M. Tamaki, Arab,
 Five from Chinese Troupe
 Eight Knights
 Frank Anderson, William and Frank
 Hardig, Arthur Hardig, Ed. Walton,
 Major Kiefer, Roy McDonald,
 A. Angustad, Capt.
 Eight Knights
 Ike Lewin, John Slater, John Tripp,
 A. Thornburg, Wellico, Two Cossacks,
 Dudley Reed, Capt.
 Eight Cavaliers
 F. Moystn, Magnus Joseffson, John
 Joseffson, Joe Ambrose, John Carrira
 James Fillis, Charles Rooney, Henry
 Fillis, Capt.
 Eight Citiznes . . . from the Cook-
 Eight Choir Boys (house
 J.L. LeClaire, Frank Maynard, Fred
 Stelling, Jules Turnour, Ed. Nathans
 Eddie Rooney, Joe Lewis, Dan McPride
 Capt.
 Twelve Ladies & Gentlemen (in pairs)
 Charles Clark, Capt., Edna Castello,
 Miss Melnot, James Evans, Miss Fillis,
 Percy Clark, Miss Nelson, Hillary
 Long, Clara Melnot, Jerry Alton,
 Iva Orton, Cowboy
 Twelve Ladies & Gentlemen (in pairs)
 Roy Rush, Capt. Mrs. Charles Rooney,
 Chris Nelson, Etta Tybell, Dollie
 Nelson, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Otagawa,
 Ignor Samek, Ai Tamaki, Tony Parker,
 Mrs. Double Traps, Fred Keislake
 Twelve Flag Carriers . . property men
 Twelve Soldiers grooms
 Twelve Soldiers . . . property men
 Eight Ax Men . . . Elephant Men
 Eight Bow Men . . . Cookhouse Men
 Twelve Citizens . . . Animal men

HORSES FOR SPECTACLE

4 Standard Bearer Knights . . 4 horses
 Prince Placid, Lady In Waiting, 2 horses
 Eight Cavaliers 8 horses
 12 Ladies and Gentlemen . . . 12 horses
 King and Queen 2 horses
 4 Ladies in Waiting 4 horses
 Four Jesters 4 horses
 12 Ladies and Gentlemen . . . 12 horses
 Sir Knight Valiant 1 horse
 Eight Knights 8 horses
 Eight Knights 8 horses
 Float 4 horses
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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

Jimmie Armstrong notes that during the past season he visited the Al G. Kelly-Miller; the M. L. Clark; the Russell; and R-B circuses. On the Clark show he visited CHS Bob Taber, while on R-B he visited CHS Dick Anderson. Jimmie writes he will be with the Clyde Bros. Indoor Circus this winter, on which show he will do the announcing. He will be glad to hear from CHS members while en route.

"Dad" White, CHS, at 88 years of age, is still a travelling man, and has recently completed a 1400 mile round trip by road and rail visiting friends.

Mark Anthony caught the following outfits in the past season--Cavalcade of Amusements; and Royal American Exposition, both carnivals, and the Cole Bros. circus. Also journeyed out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa to catch the Dailey Circus, but, due to an error in the route, he missed this one.

CHS Follansbee, paid a short visit to G. Fred Orphal recently. Follansbee tells of, in his 25 years of travelling, in connection with his work, many times he would be held over in a town, due to poor train service, and in this manner he became acquainted with many shows and he has, at one time or another been to most of the circus winter quarters east of the Rockies.

LeRoy Sweetland writes that he had a fine visit with Bill Woodcock when the Cole show was in San Antonio. Sweetland also caught the Russell circus.

CHS A. C. McLachlan, (England) writes that all fans there are eagerly awaiting the opening of the Famous Mills Bros. circus in the spring of 1946. However there is disappointment over the fact that the winter season of the Mills organization will not be staged at Olympia stadium has not been released to the circus by the government.

Arthur Huse, CHS notes that he saw the R-B and Hunt circuses this past season, and is looking forward to seeing more in '46.

F. M. Farrell, contributing member CHS has finished a successful tour with the Clyde Beatty Circus, having returned to the white tops this past season for the first time in a number of years. At the end of this season, Mr. Farrell went to Macon, Ga., to take in the State Fair, and visited with acquaintances on the World of Mirth Shows.

Joe Tracy had as guests at his home, in Buffalo recently, Charles Gerlach, and John Del Vecho, both old time circus troupers, who now reside in Buffalo. The stories of both of these men appeared in previous issues of the Bandwagon, written by Mr. Tracy from information supplied by them. Joe Tracy is himself an old trouper having travelled with the Al Wheeler circus. How about your own story, Joe?

CHS Charles Lockier is busy painting the James M. Cole circus for next year's show.

After a long season on the M. L. Clark & Son Circus, CHS Bob Taber and Mrs. Taber are again at home in Riverside, Calif., and Bob is again trading circus material.

With the passing of Lady Eleanor Smith, in London, England, in October, the circus lost a very great friend. She was a past president of the British CFA. and an author of note, and one book of hers, Red Wagon, is particularly well known.

From CHS Jack Robinson comes the following information on the Busby Bros. Circus, a little known five car show which toured about the year 1900. "Show was first started and owned by three brothers, the Busbys, of Pana, Ill. Jim Busby, Burl Busby, and the third I do not know just now. Pana was winter quarters. Show moved on five cars, one advance, and four back. Busbys owned three of the units, and two were always contracted for in advance. The largest baggage car in the show was a combination horse car and enclosed flat. The wagons of which there were about 10 in

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number were gillied through the end of the car and the remainder were put on leased flats. Show specialized in ring stook and trapeze performers. Carried an unusually large side show. Show was later bought out by the Mack Bros. who still used the Busby name. Curtis and Fred Mack were their names. Curtis is dead and Fred is still alive and active at the age of 74."

Bette Leonard CHS advises that she spent a very pleasant visit on the Clyde Bros. Circus when same played the High School Auditorium in Arkansas City, Kansas. CHS Member Jimmy Armstrong was acting as Master of Ceremonies. Mrs. Leonard enjoyed visiting many friends on the show, and reports a wonderful performance.

CHS Member Sheridan F. Holdridge of 7008 Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia 35, Penna writes as follows and we quote this to show the importance of all members advising the Secretary immediately of any change of address. Member Holdridge was good enough to mail out a copy of his new magazine THE CIRCUS MODELER to all members. "Have had several copies of the first issue of the magazine returned by the Post Office for wrong address. We followed the official roster in addressing them so probably some of the fellows have moved since this was issued. Also have some returned which were addressed to fellows who were in the service.

"If you did not receive your copy of the Circus Modeler, please drop us a penny postal card, giving your correct address and we will mail a copy to you. Especially to all the fellows in the Services or who are just coming home, let us know your latest address so we can get a copy of the Circus Modeler to you.

Also, if you know of anyone in your community who is interested in our Hobby or who could become interested in it, let us know their name and address and we will mail them a copy too. It may be the means of getting them interested in our Hobby and in their becoming members of CHS. Remember the slogan of the Circus Modeler "Let's Tell the World About Circus Modeling". Be on the lookout for the next issue which will be along soon. If you have not sent in your subscription yet, do it now, so as not to miss a single issue. Also send in your news items, descriptions of your models, pictures of them, and so on so that we can print a write up about YOUR model circus in a later issue".

Editors Note - We have seen the first issue of the Circus Modeler and can highly recommend it to all members and friends, and wish to thank the Publisher for the kindness in sending issues gratis to all members. Get behind this little magazine and give them every support. You will enjoy it."

WHEN GOING TO PRESS WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD OF THE ILLNESS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER BILL GREEN - and for this reason there will be some delay in mailing out the CHS Ballots. However, be on the lookout for them - for Bill will get them out as soon as possible. Be sure and mark and return the ballots to Bill immediately to avoid any further delay. We hope that Bill will be around soon. So have patience!

The Election results will not be known when this issue is put into the mail - but IMMEDIATELY the result is known a special Election News Sheet will be printed and mailed out at once to all members. This will give the results only - also will advise as to Editorship of the Bandwagon, but full details will be contained in a news letter from the President to be issued near end of the year.

COLE BROTHERS WORLD TOURED SHOWS, SEASON 1908

Official route, courtesy of John J. Crowley, CHS

25 car show--Winter quarters at Warren, Pa.-- owner, Martin Downs

APRIL

18 Youngstown, O.
 19 SUNDAY
 20 McKeesport, Pa.
 21 Braddock, Pa.
 22 Washington, Pa.
 23 New Martinsville, W. Va.
 24 Parkersburg, W. Va.
 25 Clarksburg, W. Va.
 26 SUNDAY
 27 Weston, W. Va.
 28 Fairmont, W. Va.
 29 Morgantown, W. Va.
 30 Uniontown, Pa.

MAY

1 Meyersdale, Pa.
 2 Johnstown, Pa.
 3 SUNDAY
 4 Pittsburgh, Pa.
 5 Greensburg, Pa.
 6 Apollo, Pa.
 7 Kittanning, Pa.
 8 Franklin, Pa.
 9 Tarentum, Pa.
 10 SUNDAY
 11 Wellsville, O.
 12 Canal Dover, O.
 13 Alliance, O.
 14 Bucyrus, O.
 15 Ada, O.
 16 Columbia City, Ind.
 17 SUNDAY
 18 Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 19 South Bend, Ind.
 20 Battle Creek, Mich.
 21 Charlotte, Mich.
 22 Owosso, Mich.
 23 Pontiac, Mich.
 24 SUNDAY
 25 Toledo, O.
 26 Fremont, O.
 27 Elyria, O.
 28 Painesville, O.
 29 Conneaut, O.
 30 Erie, Pa.
 31 SUNDAY

JUNE

1 Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 2 Welland, Ont., Can.
 3 Hamilton, Ont.
 4 Brantford, Ont.
 5 London, Ont.
 6 Goderich, Ont.
 7 SUNDAY
 8 Owen Sound, Ont.
 9 Stratford, Ont.
 10 Berlin, (Kitchener) Ont.
 11 Guelph, Ont.
 12 Barrie, Ont.
 13 Collingwood, Ont.
 14 SUNDAY
 15 Toronto, Ont.
 16 Toronto, Ont.
 17 Peterboro, Ont.
 18 Napanee, Ont.

JUNE

Brockville, Ont.
 20 Smiths Falls, Ont.
 21 SUNDAY
 22 Haileybury, Ont.
 23 North Bay, Ont.
 24 Sudbury, Ont.
 25 Sturgeon Falls, Ont.
 26 Pembroke, Ont.
 27 Arnprior, Ont.
 28 SUNDAY
 29 Ottawa, Ont.
 30 Vankleek Hill, Ont.

JULY

1 Quebec City, Que.
 2 Quebec City, Que.
 3 Sherbrooke, Que.
 4 Megantic, Que.
 5 SUNDAY
 6 St. John, N.B.
 7 Woodstock, N.B.
 8 Fredericton, N.B.
 9 Newcastle, N.B.
 10 Bathurst, N.B.
 11 Campbellton, N.B.
 12 SUNDAY
 13 Halifax, N.S.
 14 Bridgewater, N.S.
 15 Liverpool, N.S.
 16 Shelburne, N.S.
 17 Yarmouth, N.S.
 18 Annapolis, N.S.
 19 SUNDAY
 20 Kentville, N.S.
 21 Windsor, N.S.
 22 Truro, N.S.
 23 Antigonish, N.S.
 24 North Sydney, N.S.
 25 Sydney, N.S.
 26 SUNDAY
 27 New Glasgow, N.S.
 28 Amherst, N.S.
 29 Moncton, N.B.
 30 Sussex, N.B.
 31 St. Stephen, N.B.

AUGUST

1 Eastport, Me., U.S.A.
 2 SUNDAY
 3 Bangor, Me.
 4 Waterville, Me.
 5 Augusta, Me.
 6 Farmington, Me.
 7 Rumford Falls, Me.
 8 Berlin, N.H.
 9 SUNDAY
 10 Lancaster, N.H.
 11 Littleton, N.H.
 12 St. Johnsbury, Vt.
 13 Newport, Vt.
 14 Richford, Vt.
 15 St. Albans, Vt.
 16 SUNDAY
 17 Montpelier, Vt.
 18 Burlington, Vt.
 19 Middlebury, Vt.
 20 Rutland, Vt.
 21 Bennington, Vt.

COLE BROS. WORLD TOURED SHOWS -- (Concluded)

AUGUST

OCT.

22 Saratoga, N.Y.
 23 SUNDAY
 24 Rome, N.Y.
 25 Lyons, N.Y.
 26 Dundee, N.Y.
 27 Corning, N.Y.
 28 Wellsboro, Pa.
 29 Jersey Shore, Pa.
 30 SUNDAY
 31 Lewisburg, Pa.

SEPT.

1 Lykens, Pa.
 2 York, Pa.
 3 Carlisle, Pa.
 4 Waynesboro, Pa.
 5 Hagerstown, Md.
 6 SUNDAY
 7 Roanoke, Va.
 8 Bluefield, W.Va.
 9 Wytheville, Va.
 10 Marion, Va.
 11 Bristol, Va.
 12 Pulaski, Va.
 13 SUNDAY
 14 Winston-Salem, N.C.
 15 Martinsville, Va.
 16 Rockymount, Va.
 17 Lynchburg, Va.
 18 Charlottesville, Va.
 19 Gordonsville, Va.
 20 SUNDAY
 21 Newport News, Va.
 22 Richmond, Va.
 23 Wakefield, Va.
 24 Norfolk, Va.
 25 Elizabeth City, N.C.
 26 Edenton, N.C.
 27 SUNDAY
 28 Suffolk, Va.
 29 Tarboro, N.C.
 30 Williamston, N.C.

OCT.

1 Washington, N.C.

2 Greenville, N.C.
 3 Rocky Mount, N.C.
 4 SUNDAY
 5 Wilmington, N.C.
 6 New Bern, N.C.
 7 Kinston, N.C.
 8 Goldsboro, N.C.
 9 Wilson, N.C.
 10 Dunn, N.C.
 11 SUNDAY
 12 Sanford, N.C.
 13 Fayetteville, N.C.
 14 Dillon, S.C.
 15 Chadbourn, N.C.
 16 Conway, S.C.
 17 Marion, S.C.
 18 SUNDAY
 19 Bennettsville, S.C.
 20 Hartsville, S.C.
 21 Orangeburg, S.C.
 22 Aiken, S.C.
 23 Augusta, Ga.
 24 Thomson, Ga.
 25 SUNDAY
 26 Washington, Ga.
 27 Monroe, Ga.
 28 Conyers, Ga.
 29 Griffin, Ga.
 30 Macon, Ga.
 31 Cordele, Ga.

NOV.

1 SUNDAY
 2 Fitzgerald, Ga.
 3 Montezuma, Ga.
 4 Talbotton, Ga.
 5 Roanoke, Ala.
 6 Talladega, Ala.
 7 Oneonta, Ala.
 8 SUNDAY
 9 Gullman, Ala.
 10 Pulaski, Tenn.
 11 Franklin, Tenn. (closing stand)
 12 Enroute to
 13 winter quarters, Warren, Pa.

FAVORITE CIRCUS-FEATURE SELECTION SHEET

The enclosed ballot sheet is enclosed through the kindness of P.R. Hemphill, who sent sufficient of them at his own expense to enable one being sent to each CHS member. Please fill in this sheet as per examples given below - and then return to P.R. HEMPHILL, 32 Mulberry St. Hagerstown, Md.

We want every member to do this - so that Member Hemphill can get a good cross country picture of your opinions. After all ballots are received and facts compiled - same will be printed in the Bandwagon in a future issue. Please give this your early attention.

BEST CIRCUS	1.	2.	3.
	(Name of circus in order of your preference)		
SPEC.	1. Name	2. Name	3. Name
	Name of circus	Name of circus	Name of circus
WILD ANIMAL ACT	1. Name of act	2. Name of act	3. Name of act
	Name of circus	Name of circus	Name of circus

(and so on until the entire form is answered)

THE AUCTION BLOCK

The following Auction is the final one for the year 1945. Don't send any money with your bids - but because of the Election being in progress now - you will be advised to send cash to the New Secretary later. In the meantime send your bids to Secretary J. B. Lyon, 210 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont., Canada, who will forward bids to the new Secretary later on. BE SURE AND HAVE YOUR BIDS IN BY JANUARY 15th, 1946.

- Lot No. 1 - Seven fine photos $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ of the Rudynoff Family of riders. Fine mounted photos - and especially interesting to "horse fans". Donated by Ed. Holt.
- Lot No. 2 - A rare set of 5 photos $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5$ - of the Barnum & Bailey Circus fire in Schenectady, N.Y., on May 21st, 1910. Ruins after the fire; firemen in action and fine front lot view as the fire got started. Something you will enjoy. Original photos taken by - and donated by - Joseph L. Tracey, CHS.
- Lot No. 3 - Five photos 4×6 " - of the Bob Fisher Troupe - four fine action shots and one group photo. Something unusual and very clear. Donated by Ed. P. R. Holt.
- Lot No. 4 - Special edition of the Hartford Courant - dated July 7th, 1944 - 8 page - with headlines, pictures and whole 8-page story of the worst circus fire in history. Ringling-Barnum Fire. Donated by Arthur Gunther.
- Lot No. 5 - 1 - 8×10 " - photo of the newly renovated Two Hemispheres Bandwagon and eight horse hitch - donated by Col. Palmer the present owner of this old circus parade relic.
- Lot No. 6 - From various CHS members we have gathered together a miscellaneous lot of circus material - including 12 Bond Bros. tickets - 2 diff. types; 1 E-W & 4 Paw Sells Bros., Christmas card; also of R-B Christmas card; 2 diff. types Cole Bros. blotters; James M. Cole letterhead, envelope, souvenir program and route for season 1943; and 1 sheet James M. Cole litho. Beginners be sure and bid on this lot.
- Lot No. 7 - 8 lovely $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ photos of Terrel & Dolly Jacobs various acts at Downey Park, Allentown, Pa., with Frank Wirth Circus - season 1944. 4 diff. elephant act groups; Terrell and Sheba; two performing Lion views, and lovely photo of Dolly. Donated by Ed. P.R.Holt.

Send in your bids as soon as possible to J. B. Lyon, 210 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ontario. - Be sure and bid on as many lots as you see you can use.

A correspondent in the State of Indiana writes about an old show which he refers to as THE BOSTOCK SHOW (evidently menagerie and performing animals). It was independent of any other attraction, and stayed in one location for months at a time. It was in Indianapolis the year of 1902. The Show was rated the greatest of its kind. Trained animals performed daily. Last heard of this show it was shipped to England. Can anyone give us further particulars of this show? From the description of this party it must have been a great outfit.

The Editors.

With reference to the newspaper ad enclosed -- if your CHS number is higher than 147 - you may receive either a 1942 or 1943 ad in place of one for current season.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS - PERMANENT

- No..... 41 - Mr. Burns Kattenberg, 69 Marion Ave., Mansfield, Ohio,
New Address...Hotel Samuels, Jamestown, N.Y.
- No..... 79 - Mr. Lawrence F. Butler, 11 Amherst St., Augusta, Maine,
New Address...112 Eastern Ave., Augusta, Maine.
- No.....117 - Mr. Gordon E. Borders, HA 1/c U.S. Navy Conv. Hosp., Beaumont, Calif.
New Address...109 S. Cedar St., Ottawa, Kansas.
- No.....154 - Mr. LeRoy Sweetland, Gen. Del., Channelview, Texas
New Address...1617 W. Laurel, San Antonio, Texas.
- No.....139 - Mr. Charles John Lockier, 163 Owasco St., Auburn, N.Y.
New Address...3 Melrose St., Auburn, N.Y.
- No.....217 - Mr. Wm. H. Owens, 435 Turner, Allentown, Pa.
New Address...120 So. 6th St., Allentown, Pa.
- No..... 66 - Mr. Joseph Shields, 1057 N. Market St., Wichita, Kansas
New Address...3905 Wilton St., Long Beach 4, Calif.
- No.....109 - Clarence Pfeffer, now discharged from services mail to go to
Home Address...1021 Ash St., Johnstown, Pa.
- No.....229 - Charles H. Elwell, army address at Jacksonville, Fla., mail now
to go to Home Address...116 Main St., Bennington, Vt.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS - TEMPORARY - GOOD TILL FURTHER NOTICE

- No..... 35 - Mr. Frank A. Norton, % Billboard, Cincinnati, Ohio,
Temp. Address...27 1/2 East Church St., Roanoke, Va.
- No.....239 - Mr. Chas. W. Kuchne, 325 Wood St., Sistersville, W.Va.,
Temp. Address...O M R Box 552, Keesler Field, Miss.
(Chas. W. Kuchne, 1st Lt., A.C.)
- No..... 92 - Mr. George W. Poultney, 2751 Buchanan St., San Francisco, Calif.
Temp. Address...159 Manor Road, Staten Island 10, N.Y.

PLEASE ADD THESE NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

- No.....234 Dr. Harrison Powers, 424 1/2 So. Main St., Elkhart, Ind.
GC; Dks; Li.
- No.....235 - Mr. Richard Little, Clarks Green, Pa.
GC
- No.....236 - Mr. Merle Greene, R.D.#1, Scranton, Pa.
GC
- No.....237 - Mr. Edwin F. Hillhouse, 183 Caldwell St., Chillicothe, Ohio
GC; M; R; Ph
- No.....238 - Miss Marie Dehrend, 211 Trowbridge Ave., Detroit 2, Mich.
Ph; SD
- No.....239 - Mr. Charles W. Kuchne, 325 Wood St., Sistersville, W.Va.
Ph; M; Pr; R.
- No.....240 - Mr. James Van Liew, Regis Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska
GC
- No.....241 - Mr. William C. Lorche, 115 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, Ohio
GC; R; Lt; Ph; Pr.
- No.....242 - Mr. John Lynch, 2310 Lewis St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Models
- No.....243 - Mr. Louis Hayek, Toledo, Iowa
Li; MA
- No.....244 - Mr. Foy Cooke, % Junge Baking Co., Joplin, Mo.
Ph; Dks
- No.....245 - Mr. Gordon M. Carver, 61 Woodland Rd., Madison, N.J.
GC; SD; Ph; Pr; M.

WILL MEMBERS PLEASE REMOVE THE FOLLOWING FROM MEMBERSHIP LIST

- No..... 96 - Mr. Sam Mitchell
Removed, address unknown, and membership expired.

BURT & ROBINSON'S OLD-FASHIONED CIRCUS (1858)

Sent in by Bill Kasiska, CHS

BURT & ROBINSON'S OLD FASHIONED CIRCUS was owned by A.S. Burt & "Yankee" Robinson. Performers - Walter Aymar, principal rider; Chas. Brown, Chas. Davis (Mexican Charley), Harry Everts; Tom Shields; Johnny Booker; W. Sparks - general performers; "Buck" Gardner, Johnny Booker, Harry Everts, - Clowns; Mrs. Johnny Booker and Mrs. Geo. Choate, Entry riders. Frank Drew started out as first clown, but as the routes were long and he had not been used to getting up in the early morning hours, he concluded that he was not suited to the business, and quit second week out. The Company started from Ham Shephard's farm, near Strawton, Ind., on April 15th, 1858, giving its first performance at Noblesville, Ind. Small pox went through the company with few exceptions. Many suffered

BURT & ROBINSON OLD-FASHIONED SHOW (Cont'd)

from this loathesome disease. Would anyone have the complete route of this old show?

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM C.H.S. - First Organized Division

M. Allaire; J. Brown; K. Amadon; D. Anderson; J. Beach;
 G. Baney; J. Boulette; E. Brown; L. Brown; L. Butler;
 A. Clark; J. Clark; J. Crowley; R. Cummings; C. Davitt;
 R. Devney; C. Elwell; A. Gunther; J. Harshman;
 P. R. Hemphill, Jr.; G. Higgins; P. Horsman, Jr.; A. Huse;
 G. Lloyd; W. Machado; J. McDonough; J. McKenna; G. Morrissey;
 Dr. Clzendam; W. Purtill; J. Reynolds, Jr.; E. Rupert;
 J. Tewkesbury; C. Viehl, Jr.; A. Wescott; W. White and
 P. Ruddell
 FROM US TO YOU AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

C.H.S. - Division No. 3 "FIVE GRACES BANDWAGON"

To all CHS Members and
 Friends of the circus

John Van Matre
 Driver and Director

H. L. Symons,
 2nd Director.

SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM

DIVISION No. 8

Now Organizing

WASHINGTON

OREGON

CALIFORNIA

Charles S. Curtiss - Director
 CHS No. 22

SEASONS GREETINGS

to all CHS Members -- and Friends of the
Circus

FROM CHS BANDWAGON DIV. 9 -- (CANADA)

"GREAT BRITAIN BANDWAGON"

E. W. Cripps

Driver and Director

SPECIAL PHOTO OFFER UNTIL JANUARY 1st.

All excellent parade views as follows:

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A. L. Chumley, 1502 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga 4, Tennessee.

A REAL OLD-FASHIONED MERRY CHRISTMAS

....and HAPPY NEW YEAR....

is my sincere wish TO ALL MEMBERS and friends

"Many thanks for your kind letters of appreciation
and your wonderful co-operation during my long term
as President of CHS".....

WALTER W. TYSON

CHS 2

S E A S O N S G R E E T I N G S .

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN SHOW BUSINESS

PAST AND PRESENT

- - - -

Fred. Weidemann

Chas. S. Curtiss

S. F. Chapter

"Showfolks of America"

"Since I have known and become a member of the CHS.. I have found many oldtime troupers that I knew years ago, have found many new friends who are collectors and ex-troupers. I have found all the news in the BANDWAGON to be the very best and most of all coming from men that have a long and fine record in the days gone by, with the circus.

"Then all of this news has been possible through the hard work of our President and Secretary - who through many letters and then meeting both of them in person, I have found to be two fine men. Now that they are leaving their offices that they have held so long, my congratulations and best wishes are extended to our President and Secretary for their faithfulness and the splendid work which has been accomplished under their able leadership in the CHS. Personally I would like to say I have enjoyed all of their correspondence very much."

Joseph L. Tracey - CHS.

CIRCUS JUVENILES

Books on the Circus Suitable as Gifts for Children

LADIES & GENTLEMEN SAID THE RINGMASTER	Kahn	\$ 1.50
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SEASONS GREETINGS to

ALL MY FRIENDS IN C.H.S. and
SHOW BUSINESS and a VERY SPECIAL
MERRY XMAS to "SHEBA"
Terrel Jacob's Fine Lady
Lion

Bob Green, CHS 7
51 Allison, Pontiac, Mich,

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all C.H.S. Members.

My sincere thanks for your 100% co-operation during
my term of office as Secretary of CHS and I hope you
will accord my successor the same support and con-
sideration"

John B. Lyon - C.H.S. 15
Secretary C.H.S. 1942-3-4-5.

TO CIRCUS FANS & CIRCUS FRIENDS

EVERYWHERE -----

There are so many of you
I can't send a card to all of you
But here's wishing each of you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHS #9

BILL GREEN
312 North C. Street
Washington -- Kansas.

CFA # 1461

A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to
ALL C.H.S. MEMBERS

Robert D. Good,
1609 Turner Street, Allentown, Pa.

GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS OF C.H.S.
from the Progressive State of Maryland and to
the following shows who provided us with a full
season of entertainment - Bradley & Benson;
Ringling Bros. - Barnum & Bailey; Beers-Barnes;
Dailey Bros; Prell's Broadway; Cetlin-Wilson;
Joseph Kirkwood; Strates and Prof. George Keller.

P. R. (Dick) Hemphill, Jr., CHS #32
CFA #1387
CMB & OA # 192

M. L. (Peggy) Hemphill - CFA #F56

MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR.
MORE CIRCUSES TO ALL, AND TO ALL, MORE CIRCUSES!
MAY THE NEXT 365 DAYS BE FILLED WITH PLEASANT THOUGHTS
OF THE CIRCUS, AND MAY THERE BE MORE AND MORE CIRCUS
DAYS IN YOUR COMING YEARS.

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FOLK & FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.-----
Bill Kasiska
CHS 6SEASON'S GREETINGS
toCIRCUS FOLKS & CIRCUS
FANS EVERYWHERE
ALLEN P. WESCOTT - CHS
North Castine, Maine.

WAIT - COMING SOON!

Printed descriptive price list of circus and Carnival
photos from original negatives - from year 1908 to 1943.Ten cents will get you a copy of same together with a
sample photo - that will not appear on the list.
WALTER W. TYSON - 27 Green St., GUELPH. ONTARIO. CANADA"To sound a note of Christmas
cheer,
To wish you every pleasure,
A New Year full of Circuses;
and "Circusiana" to treasure.-----
BEST WISHES

Bette Leonard - CHS 5.

Here is wishing our Many
Friends a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.-----
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taber
Riverside, California.FOR SALE - Photos of Old
circus lithographs with such titles
as AL. G. BARNES, DOWNIE, MOON
BROS: BARNEY BROS: BUD ANDERSON:
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\$1.50 dozen assorted.Bob Taber - 3668 Comer Ave.,
Riverside, California

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR

"CONVENTION SPECIAL"
Mailed December 1st, send a self-
addressed stamped envelope to:-ROBERT SAMS
P.O. Box 682, Birmingham 1, Ala.Historical NotesAl. F. Wheeler has purchased (1908) the James E. Joyce One Ring Circus and
will add it to his new Model Shows.Mollie Bailey's Great Southern Show after travelling 38 years through the
Southwest in wagons, was converted into a 4-car rail show, October 1st, 1907.

Bonheur Bros. Golden Mascot Show is now a railroad outfit. 1906.

July 25th, 1906 - Lentz & Robinson Show opened at Lancaster, Mo.,

From notes sent in by Frank A. Norton

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S
TO THE NEW OFFICERS -

AND SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL
MEMBERS & SHOW FOLKS EVERYWHERE !

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"UNITED STATES" BANDWAGON.

DIVISION ONE - C.H.S.- MICHIGAN, OHIO, INDIANA

AGAIN, I WISH _____

"MAY ALL YOUR CIRCUS DAYS
BE BRIGHT"

Don F. SMITH
Founder, CHS

STILL WITH IT & FOR IT, WITH ALL MY HEART.

C.H.S. DIVISION ONE

INVITE ALL CHS, CFA, CMBOA
TO OUR "BIG-3-ROUND-UP"

in PERU, INDIANA, IN THE SPRING.

WATCH FOR COMPLETE DETAILS SOON.

DON F. SMITH, DIRECTOR

WISHING ALL C H S MEMBERS

A

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Walter W. Pietschman, -

C.H.S. NO. 3.

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No. 1 - Photo shows one of the last pictures taken of Buffalo Bill. Taken in North Platte, Neb. on June 14th, 1916. Buffalo Bill died in Denver, Colo. on January 10th, 1917. Shows him with his old stage coach and apparently "dreaming of the past".

No. 2 - A wonderful photo shows a very good view of the 40 horse team. Parade taken at Brockton, Mass. in 1903. Barnum & Bailey Circus. A different view and one you will treasure! Pulling Two Hemispheres Bandwagon.

No. 3 - Photo of a group of Barnum & Bailey show folks, freaks, including the famous KRAO - Bayrooty Oriental Troupe, etc. and ticket sellers; John McNulty Band. Photo taken season of 1907.

Price - 50¢ each - or the three together and postpaid for \$1.25.
(please remit by Post office money order).

WALTER W. TYSON

27 Green Street,

Guelph,

Ontario. Canada

LORD GEORGE SANGER'S CIRCUS - COMMAND PERFORMANCE.

"On June 17 'Lord' George Sanger's Circus appeared by command before her Majesty and the Royal Household at Balmoral. The circus had only just arrived in Aberdeen from Ballater when the command was received, and accordingly made a speedy return to Deeside, a special train conveying the company and its extensive paraphernalia. The tent in which the performances are given was erected in a field near Balmoral Castle, and in it, in addition to the royal party, there assembled all the tenantry of the estates of Balmoral, Abergeldie, and Birkhall, by gracious invitation of her Majesty. The performance began at 3:30. Her Majesty was accompanied by Princess Victoria of Wales and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Majesty remained seated in her landau while the exhibition proceeded. The Queen witnessed the lengthy programme from start to finish, and seemed to watch every item with interest. The elephant 'Prince', which the Prince of Wales rode on his Indian tour made obeisance in the ring before Her Majesty. The Queen was graciously pleased to accept from Mr. Sanger a gift of two small black ponies. The general manager of the circus, Mr. Oliver, had the honor of being presented to the Queen, who presented him with a valuable diamond pin as a memento of the interesting occasion, her Majesty declaring that the performance was the best of its kind she had ever seen. The circus party returned to Aberdeen the same night, and later a telegram was received hoping that all had arrived safely."

The London Illustrated News

Saturday, July 16, 1898.

Sent by Gene Feigert CHS. A re-type of an article which was found in the files of the local library at Van Wert, Ohio